

THE  
PETITION

OF THE COMMITTEES  
for IRELAND to His  
MAJESTY.

WITH  
HIS MAJESTIES  
ANSWER OF THE

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AND

THE REPEAL

OF THE ACT

RELATIVE TO

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TO THE KING'S  
MOST EXCELLENT  
MAJESTY,

The humble Petition of Sir JAMES MONTGOMERY, Sir HARDS. WALLER Knights and Colonells, and of Colonell ARTHUR HILL, and Colonell AUDLEY MERVIN, in the behalfe of themselves and others Commanders in Your MAJESTIES Army in Ireland.

May it please Your sacred MAJESTY,

 *EB* Your MAJESTIES most humble Subjects being intrusted from considerable Parts of Your Majesties forces in the Kingdom of Ireland, to petition Your Majesty and Your Parliament for supplies, And finding that Your Majesty had committed the care and manning of that Warre to Your Parliament here, we addressed Our selves unto the same, whose sense of Our miseries, and Inclination to redresse

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appeared very tender unto us, but the present distempers of this Your Majesties Kingdom of England (so our unspeakable griefe) are grown so great, that all future Passages by which comfort and life should be conveyed unto that gasping Kingdom, seem totally to be obstructed, so that unlesse Your gracious Majesty, out of Your singular wisdom and fatherly care, apply some speedy remedy, wee Your distressed and Loyall Subjects of that Kingdom must inevitably perishe. Our condition represents unto Your Majesty the estate of all Your Majesties faithfull Protestant Subjects in Ireland, the influence of Your Princely favour & goodnesse so actively distilled upon Your Kingdome of Ireland, before the byrth of this monstrous Rebellion there, and since the same so abundantly expressed in Characters of a deep sense, and lively resentment of the bleeding Condition thereof, gives us hope in this their deplorable extremity to adresse ourselves unto Your sacred Throne, humbly beseeching, that it may please Your gracious Majesty, amongst Your other waighy cares, so to reflect upon the bleeding condition of that perishing Kingdom, that timely relief may be afforded, otherwise Your Loyall Subjects there must yeeld their fortunes a Prey, their Lives a sacrifice, and their Religion a scorn, to the merciless Rebels powerfully

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fully assisted from abroad. Whilst we live we rest in  
your Majesties Protection, if our deaths are signed  
in that Cause, we will dye in Your obediences and  
living and dying ever pray for Your Majesties long  
and prosperous Reigne over us.

Montgomery.

Hards Waller.

Arthur Hill.

An. Mervine.



At the Court at OXFORD, this first of  
DECEMBER, 1642.

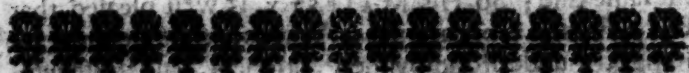
**HIS MAJESTIE**  
*Hath expressely commanded me to give this*  
*Answer to this Petition.*



**T**Hat His Majesty, since the beginning of that monstrous Rebellion, hath had no greater sorrow then for the bleeding Condition of that His Kingdome; And as He hath by all meanes labour'd that timely Reliefe might be afforded to the same, and consented to all Propositions (how disadvantageous soever to Himselfe) that have been offer'd Him for that purpose, and not only at first recommended their Condition to both His Houses of Parliament, and immediatly of His owne meere Motion sent over severall Commissions, and caus'd some Proportion of Armes and Ammunition (which the Petitioners well know to have been a great support to the Northerne Parts of that Kingdome) to be conveyed to them out of Scotland, and offer'd to find Tenthousand Volunteers to undertake that Warre, but hath often since prest by many severall Messages, that sufficient Succours might be hastened

need thicker, and other matters of smaller Importance laid  
 by, which did divert, and offer'd, and most really in-  
 tended in His owne Royall Person to have undergone the  
 danger of that Warre, for the defence of His good Sub-  
 jects, and the Chastisement of those perfidious and bar-  
 barous Rebels, and in his severall Expressions of His de-  
 sires of Treaty and Peace, hath declar'd the miserable pre-  
 sent Condition, and certaine future losse of *Ireland*, to be  
 one of His principall Motives, most earnestly to desire  
 that the present Distractions of this Kingdom might be  
 compos'd, and that others would concurre with Him to  
 the same End; So His MAJESTY is well pleas'd that  
 His Offers, Concurrence, Actions and Expressions are  
 so rightly understood by the Petitioners, and those who  
 have imployed them ( notwithstanding the groundlesse  
 and horrid Aspersions which have been cast upon Him )  
 But wishes that instead of a meere generall Complaint  
 ( to which His MAJESTY can make no Returne but of  
 Compassion ) they could have digested, and offer'd to  
 Him any such Desires, by consenting to which He  
 might convey ( at least in some Degree ) comfort and  
 life to that gasping Kingdom, preserve His distressed  
 and loyall Subjects of the same from inevitably perishing,  
 and the true Protestant Religion from being scorn'd and  
 trampled on by these mercilesse and Idolatrous Rebels.  
 And if the Petitioners can yet think on any such, and  
 propose them to His MAJESTY, He assures them  
 that by His readinesse to consent, and His Thanks to  
 them for the Proposall, Hee will make it appeare to  
 them, that their most pressing personall Sufferings can-  
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not make them more desirous of Reliefe, then his Care  
 of the true Religion, and of His faithfull Subjects,  
 and of that Duty which obliges Him to his  
 Power to protect both, renders  
 Him desirous to afford  
 it to them.



*FINIS.*

